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ANNUAL REPORT
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the Fylde Rural
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual
Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year
1969.

The vital statistics for the area remained generally
satisfactory during the year and there were no large
scale outbreaks of infectious illness during the year.

My thanks again are due to my colleagues in the
Health Department for their loyalty and assistance, to
you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Health Committee
my appreciation of the encouragement and support afforded
me.

Yours faithfully,

J.E. MORRIS

Medical Officer of Health.



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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	33,159
Population	18,410
Number of inhabited houses (at end of 1969)						5,765
Rateable value at 31.12.69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£856,760
Amount produced by a penny rate 1969/70	..	..						£3,500

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS: Three hundred and thirty-eight births; 181 males and 157 females were registered during the year. The birth rate of 18.4 compares with the rate of 19.7 per 1,000 in 1968. Twenty-seven of the births were illegitimate.

STILLBIRTHS: There were two male and two female stillbirths during the year, making a still-birth rate of 12.0 per 1,000 total live and stillbirths, compared with a rate of 19.0 per 1,000 in 1968. One stillbirth was illegitimate.

DEATHS: Two hundred and eighty-nine deaths; 131 males and 158 females, were registered during the year. The death rate of 15.7 per 1,000 compares with a rate of 16.3 per 1,000 in 1968.

Deaths per 1,000 home population

Crude rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.7
Adjusted rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.8

Infant mortality rates per 1,000 live births

Deaths under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..			30
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year	..							32
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year								Nil

Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live birth

Deaths under 4 weeks			15
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Early neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live births

Deaths under 1 week 9

Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week 20

Live birth rates, etc., per 1,000 home population

Crude rate 18.4

Adjusted rate 18.0

Illegitimate live births as percentage
of all live births 8

CAUSE OF DEATH

The table below shows the causes of death of Rural District residents in 1969:-

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	1	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...	...	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	...	...	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	...	...	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	5	1	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	-	6	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate...	...	...	2	-	2
Leukaemia	...	...	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	...	...	5	9	14
Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	2	-	2
Anaemias	...	...	-	1	1
Mental Disorders	...	...	1	-	1
Meningitis	...	...	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	...	...	-	2	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	...	...	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	...	...	1	2	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	...	36	12	48
Other Forms of Heart Disease...	...	...	3	5	8
Cerebrovascular Disease...	...	...	23	36	59
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	13	50	63

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pneumonia	5	5	10
Bronchitis and Emphysema	8	1	9
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	3	4
Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	2	3
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	8	8
Congenital Anomalies	1	1	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	3	-	3
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	2	2	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	1	5
All other Accidents	3	4	7
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	-	1	1
Total all causes:	<u>131</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>289</u>

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

PERSONNEL

Medical Officer of Health: J.E. Morris, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H., D.I.H.

Other Appointments held: Medical Officer of Health - Boroughs of Lytham St. Annes and Fleetwood. Urban Districts of Poulton-le-Fylde, Kirkham, Thornton-Cleveleys and Preesall. Divisional Medical Officer of Health, Division No. 3, Lancashire County Council.

Chief Public Health Inspector: H. Graham, M.A.P.H.I., Cert. R.S.H.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector: T.B. Berry, M.A.P.H.I., Cert. R.S.H.

HOSPITAL FACILITIES

For general cases the main hospitals used are the Preston Royal Infirmary of the Preston and Chorley Hospital Management Committee, the Blackpool Victoria, Wesham Park, and Lytham St. Annes Hospitals of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee. Infectious diseases are admitted to the Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, excepting in the case of Tuberculosis which go to Elswick Sanatorium.

Accommodation for Smallpox is provided by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board at the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Ambulance Service is administered by the Lancashire County Council. Ambulance Stations in No. 3 Health Division of the Lancashire County are located at Wesham, St. Annes, Thornton and Fleetwood. The service is part of Radio-control Area No. 3 of the County Ambulance Service and controlled from Broughton House, near Preston.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examination of specimens, also water, milk and ice-cream samples, is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory building in Meadow Street, Preston.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME

General nursing cases and confinements are attended by District Nurses and Midwives of the Lancashire County Council.

VENEREAL DISEASE SERVICE

Facilities for treatment of Venereal Disease are available at Blackpool Victoria Hospital and Preston Royal Infirmary.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE AND OTHER CLINICS. FYLDE AREA OF LANCASHIRE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE AND SCHOOL MEDICAL CLINIC

Clinics of the County Council, held in the Rural District, at the time of preparation of this report, are as follows:-

Freckleton - Methodist Sunday School

Monday	..	p.m. Child Welfare Clinic
		p.m. Immunisation (Fourth Monday in each month).
		p.m. Vaccination (Second Monday in each month).

Singleton - Church Hall

Monday	..	p.m. C.W.C. (First and Third Monday in each month). - Health Visitor clinic only.
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Staining - The Institute

Monday	..	p.m. C.W.C. (Alternate Mondays in each month).
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Warton - Institute, Church Road

Wednesday	..	p.m. C.W.C.
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Weeton - Army Sick Quarters

Tuesday	..	p.m. C.W.C. (Alternate Tuesday in each month).
		p.m. Immunisation (Once a month).

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

A total of 72 samples was obtained comprising 35 milks (four of which were Channel Islands milk) and 37 others as follows:-

1 Tomato Paste	1 Sandwich Spread/Sardine and Tomato
1 Brazil Nuts	1 Double Cream
1 Dates	1 Sugar Free Pastilles
2 Table Jelly	1 Sugar Free Fruit Salad, canned
1 Saccharin Tablets	1 Sugar Free Pineapple, canned
1 Cooling Powders	1 Sugar Free Preserve
2 Fruit, canned	1 Sugar Free Chocolate Mould
1 Tomato Ketchup	1 Dairy Ice Cream
2 Aspirin Tablets	1 Ice Cream
1 Dried Peas	1 Parched Peas
1 Sweets	1 Pudding Mix
1 Sandwich Spread	1 Cough Linctus
Beef (Slimmers)	1 Grapefruit, canned
1 Tincture of Iodine B.P.	2 Rum
1 Baby Food	3 Whisky
1 Laxative	1 Rum - Extra Strong 75%.

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

<u>Sample -</u>	<u>Result of Analysis -</u>	<u>Action Taken -</u>
Sandwich Spread (Sardine and Tomato)	Sample consisted of 3 jars of spread. Vitamin C contents 59 mgms/oz., 61 mgms/oz., and 18 mgm/oz. compared with 37 mgm/oz. declared.	Manufacturers informed.
Informal milk	Freezing point indicates 2.8% extraneous water	Dairy cautioned and further sample obtained.
Informal milk	Contained a piece of curved broken glass roughly rectangular in outline measuring approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{16}$ " thick and weighing 3.53 grammes.	Prosecution - Fined £100 Costs - £9.

<u>Sample -</u>	<u>Result of Analysis -</u>	<u>Action Taken -</u>
Grapefruit, canned	Contained 2 cooked larvae of a dipterious fly probably of the family Trypetidae but not specifically identified by the laboratory. Trypetidae include a large number of agricult- ural pests.	Importers cautioned and complainant informed.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

TUBERCULOSIS

A Tuberculosis service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board, the Lancashire County Council, and the District Council. The Hospital Board is responsible mainly for treatment, the County Council for prevention, care and after-care, and the Sanitary Authority for prevention.

A Tuberculosis Health Visitor is provided by the Lancashire County Council, and Hospital and Chest Clinic facilities by the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

There were two cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year - both males aged 50 and 51 years.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) During the year 1969.

Age	Measles		Scarlet Fever		Infective Jaundice		Whooping Cough		Acute Meningitis		Dysentery		Food Poisoning	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Final numbers after correction under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 Year -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
2 Year -	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
3 Year -	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
4 Year -	2	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 9 Year -	6	9	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	3	2	-	-
10 to 14 Year -	1	2	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
15 to 24 Year -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
25 Year and over -	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	1
Age Unknown -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (all ages)	15	17	5	-	5	7	1	2	-	2	9	9	-	1

FYLDE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
Council Offices,
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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

It is my duty and pleasure to submit to you my twenty fourth Annual Report upon the work of the Public Health Inspectors Department for the year ending 31st December, 1969.

There were no staff changes during the year and I would like once again to express my appreciation of the loyalty and help of Mr. Berry and Mrs. P.M. Norcross.

Comments upon the work dealt with are contained in the appropriate sections of the report.

The main details for the year 1969 are set out below, and the following is a summary of the visits made:-

No. of premises visited - 1,659.	No. of visits - 2,048
Defects or nuisances discovered	29
Defects or nuisances remedied	24
No. of informal notices served	29
No. of legal proceedings	1

Inspections and re-visits in connection with:-

Public Health Acts.

Dwelling houses on complaint	49
Drains and sewers	54
Ditches and watercourses	33

Noise abatement	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	205
Food poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Inns, Restaurants etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Offensive accumulations or effluvia	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Smoke (observations) etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Verminous or dirty premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Insect Pests	...	...	...	...	...	...	29

Housing Acts.

Individual unfit houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	95

Factories Acts.

Food and Drugs Acts.

Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	177
Stalls, Vehicles etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
Sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Waste Foods Order	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Brucellosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	29

Miscellaneous.

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
Shops Act, 1950	...	...	...	...	...	...	326
Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	142

Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	152
Civic Amenities Act, 1967.	...	...	...	24
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	...	...	...	147
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	82

Slaughterhouses, Food and Food Premises.

There is one private slaughterhouse in operation at Freckleton, and one knackers yard at Staining, operated by the Blackpool Tower Co., for the purpose of providing food for circus animals and animals in the zoo.

All animals slaughtered for human consumption were inspected, and details of meat and other food dealt with are set out overleaf:-

Meat Inspection: Carcasses inspected and condemnations

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)...	239	-	-	1,805	3	-
Number inspected ...	239	-	-	1,805	3	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerici -	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned ...						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	64	-	-	55	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerici ...	22%	-	-	3%	-	-
Tuberculosis only -						
Whole carcasses condemned ...	Nil	-	-	-	Nil	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	Nil	-	-	-	Nil	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticeriosis -						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-

The weight of carcase meat and offal condemned was 8 cwts. 3 lbs. 25 lbs. of meat was condemned at a school kitchen. Six pounds of canned meat, and 40 pounds of fruit and vegetables were also condemned during the year.

There are two poultry processing premises within the district with a throughput of approximately 12,700 birds per week.

The number of slaughtermen licensed at the end of the year was nine; and the number of visits made in connection with food inspection was 136.

There are now no bakers and/or confectioners in the area. 177 visits were made to food premises of all kinds. Only minor contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations in a very few cases were found, and these were satisfactorily dealt with by informal action, no legal proceedings being necessary.

Sixty three premises were registered for the sale of ice cream and three for the manufacture of ice cream - all using the hot-mix method of production. All the premises were found to be satisfactory.

Seventy one samples of ice cream were submitted to the laboratory for examination, twelve of which proved unsatisfactory to the tests carried out. Fifteen visits were made to ice cream premises in addition to those visits when sampling was carried out.

Four premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved foods and all are satisfactory.

The number of premises by type of business, in the district at the end of the year was as follows:-

<u>Type of business -</u>	<u>No.</u>
Greengrocers and provision dealers	44
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	8
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	8
Fried fish shops	7
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc.	11

<u>Type of business -</u>	<u>No.</u>
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants cafes, snack bars, and similar catering establishments 	39
Others 	10

The number of distributors of milk registered by the Council and operating from dairies within the district was 9, and from shops was 8.

Two hundred and twenty two samples of milk were submitted for examination for brucella organisms with the following results:-

	<u>Positive.</u>	<u>Negative.</u>	<u>No. Result.</u>
Ring Test 	12	200	10
Culture Test 	9	73	-
Biological Test ...	-	1	-

Under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, four notices were served requiring pasteurisation of milk found to be infected with brucella organisms; and two notices were withdrawn.

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

Twenty six inspections were made of mobile food traders vehicles and all were found to be satisfactory.

Factories.

There were 68 factories on the register at the end of the year, and 21 inspections were made. One notice was served in respect of want of cleanliness and this was quickly remedied.

Sanitary Accommodation and Sewage Disposal.

During the year five pail closets were converted to waterclosets. There are very few middens left in the district and there are no trough closets or waste water closets. The number of pail closets remaining is estimated to be 201; and the number of dwellings not on a water carriage system to be 245.

The Council operates sewage treatment works in the Parishes of Bryning-with-Warton; Ribby-with-Wrea; Staining; Elswick; Weeton and Newton-with-Clifton. A joint sewage works at Freckleton deals with the sewerage from Kirkham Urban District and the Parish of Medlar-with-Wesham.

The works at Wrea Green, Staining, Elswick and Weeton are all post-war developments and treatment consists of screening, sedimentation, biological filtration, and humus tanks with final discharge to adjacent watercourses. The works at Warton and Freckleton provide tank treatment only, with no filtration, and discharge to brooks. The unsatisfactory disposal of sewage from Freckleton village came nearer to being remedied with the receipt of the Ministry's approval to the first phase of the Council's very large and comprehensive sewerage scheme for a large part of their area.

During the last quarter of the year a sewerage scheme for the hamlet of Thistleton was commenced, and this will be connected to the Elswick sewage works. This leaves only one village of any size - Singleton - which has not a proper system of sewerage; and in this instance preliminary investigations into the different possibilities have been commenced.

Schools.

Total number of schools in district 16

Sanitary condition of schools:-

(a) No. with unsatisfactory yard surfaces Nil

(b) Sanitary accommodation:-

No. of schools with

(i) Fresh water closets only 16

(ii) Pail closets only Nil

(c) Drainage:-

No. with drainage to

(i)	Public sewers	...	...	...	...	9
(ii)	Private treatment works	...	...	...	...	7
(d)	No. with dustbins	...	...	...	...	16
(e)	No. with mains water supply	...	...	...	...	16
(f)	Washing facilities:-					
	Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	2
	Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	14

All schools are provided with satisfactory drinking water facilities.

Public Cleansing and Salvage.

The establishment at the end of the year consisted of one Dennis Paxit IIIA 50 cu. yd. and two Eagle Crushloads 50 cu. yd. rear compressor types; and 35 cubic yard S. and D. rear compressor; and one 18 cu. yd. Karrier fore and aft tipper. One other 13 cu. yd. fore and aft tipper is held in reserve for any emergency. The service was bedevilled by recurring breakdowns, particularly of one vehicle. Although the number of houses continued to increase at a steady rate, there was no increase of staff. The value of the incentive bonus scheme for the ratepayers has been shewn in the dramatic reduction in the number of complaints of non-collection of refuse. When this has occurred there has been some good and valid reason for it and the complaint dealt with speedily.

Twenty three men, including five drivers, were engaged upon refuse collection. One man was employed as salvage baler, and another as tip attendant. Day to day supervision is exercised by a foreman under the general direction of the Public Health Inspectors.

The position with regard to the collection of salvage in the rural district steadily deteriorated and it was finally decided by the Council to cease the separation and collection of salvage in 1970.

The Council disposed of the district refuse at its refuse tip at Whinbrick.

The life of this tip was not expected to last beyond August or September 1970. Consequently negotiations were opened with the County Borough of Preston with a view to using their large disposal site at Clifton Marsh, which is situated within the rural district. Agreement was reached with the County Borough and the Council will commence tipping at Clifton Marsh in the late summer of 1970.

Moveable Dwellings.

There were 97 sites in the area used for camping and caravanning purposes during 1969. At the end of the year there were in operation 7 sites licensed under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, and 76 licensed under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. A few other sites were used temporarily by tented campers.

The number of caravans concerned in the sites licensed under the 1960 Act was 2,620, and of these 410 were permanently occupied. Some progress was made towards provision being made for touring caravanners in that a sub-committee was formed to examine this problem and to consider ways and means of overcoming it.

One successful prosecution was obtained against the use of land as a site for a caravan without having a site licence. The licensed sites in the area continued to be operated satisfactorily and in some cases further improvements were carried out.

Water Supply.

The whole of the area is supplied with mains water by the Fylde Water Board. Results of sampling carried out by the Board are received regularly by the department. It is estimated that the number of dwellings connected to the mains is 5,802; whilst there are 6 dwellings not connected to a public supply. The estimated position in the various Parishes is set out in the following table:-

Supplies to dwellings:

PARISH	(a) No. of dwellings newly connected to public mains during 1969		(b) Supply to all dwellings at end of year					
			From public mains			From private supplies, e.g. wells, springs etc.		
			Direct to dwellings	By means of standpipe				
	Existing dwellings.	New dwellings.	No. of dwellings.	Est. No. of Pop.	No. of dwellings.	Est. No. of Pop.	No. of dwellings.	Est. No. of Pop.
Bryning-w-Warton	-	4	912	2,696	-	-	1	4
Elswick	-	21	227	640	-	-	-	-
Lt.Eccleston-w-Larbreck	-	1	80	352	-	-	1	3
Freckleton	-	63	1,419	4,926	-	-	1	3
Greenhalgh-w-Thistleton	-	-	122	479	-	-	1	3
Staining	-	41	491	1,308	-	-	2	3
Medlar-w-Wesham	-	39	722	2,572	-	-	-	-
Newton-w-Clifton	-	47	642	2,082	-	-	-	-
Ribby-w-Wrea	-	10	405	1,220	-	-	-	-
Singleton	-	1	220	752	-	-	-	-
Treales, Roseacre and Wharles	-	5	104	358	-	-	-	-
Weeton-w-Preese	-	1	237	762	-	-	-	-
Westby-w-Plumpton	-	-	225	730	-	-	-	-
TOTAL - Whole District	-	233	5,802	18,877	-	-	6	16

Typical chemical analyses of the water supplied are as follows:-

FYLDE WATER BOARD

Chemical Analysis

	<u>WESTBY RESERVOIR</u>		<u>WEETON RESERVOIR</u>	
	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Appearance	———— Clear and Bright ————			
Colour (Hazen p.p.m.Pt)	7	4	5	6
Turbidity (p.p.m. Silica)	———— Nil ————			
Odour	———— Nil ————			
Taste	———— Normal ————			
Reaction pH Value	7.8	8.4	7.8	8.2
	p.p.m.			
Residual Chlorine	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.05
Free & Saline Ammonia as N ₂	0.12	0.06	0.08	0.04
Albuminoid Ammonia as N ₂	0.08	0.03	0.05	0.05
Nitrous Nitrogen as N ₂	-	-	-	-
Nitric Nitrogen as N ₂	0.30	0.14	0.54	0.54
Oxygen absorbed 4 hrs. @ 27°C	0.30	0.15	0.45	0.42
Free Acidity as CO ₂	-	-	-	-
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	22	91	10	28
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	46	124	30	52
Non-Carbonate Hardness as CaCO ₃	24	33	20	24
Excess Alkalinity as Na ₂ CO ₃	———— Nil ————			
Calcium as CaCO ₃	40	71	21	35

	<u>WESTBY RESERVOIR</u>		<u>WEETON RESERVOIR</u>	
	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Magnesium as CaCO_3	6	53	9	17
Total Solids dried at 180°C	90	203	70	104
Chloride as Cl	10	22	11	13
Sulphate as SO_4	25	44	24	28
Lead as Pb	less than 0.05			
Manganese as Mn	Negligible	0.07	0.02	0.02
Copper as Cu	-	-	-	-
Iron as Fe	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.06
Aluminium as Al	0.10	0.04	0.05	0.04
Fluoride as F	less than 0.10			

Rodent Control

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

One part-time operator is employed for rodent control work.

Action taken during the year:-

	Type of Premises	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	5,765	438
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	180	7
(c) No. of (b) infested by - rats	132	4
mice	43	Nil
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification ...	144	28
(e) No. of (d) infested by - rats	Nil	Nil
mice	Nil	Nil

The treatment of dwelling houses and non-profit making establishments is carried out without charge. Business premises are charged on a time and materials basis. None of the Council's sewers were found to be infested. There was a further slight increase in the number of complaints received.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

	Class of premises				
	Offices	Retail Shops	Whole-sale shops, Ware-houses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots.
(1) No. of registered premises at end of year	10	45	2	26	2
(2) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year ...	9	45	2	26	2
(3) No. of exemptions current at end of year:-					
Space (S.5.(2))			Nil		
Temperature (S.6)			Nil		
Sanitary conveniences (S.9)			Nil		
Washing facilities (S.10)			Nil		

The number of visits of all kinds made to registered premises was 87. There were no prosecutions during the year.

Housing.

At the end of the year the Council held 409 applications for housing, made up of 379 for ordinary needs; 30 for agriculture; 60 for old peoples flatlets; and 7½ for old peoples bungalows. This is an increase of 164 over those held at the same time last year, which itself was an increase of almost 100 over the previous year. The only dwellings completed by the Council were 12 old peoples bungalows. The private sector shewed a decrease in completions - 221 as against 383 the previous year.

Housing Statistics

- (1) Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-
- | | Houses | Flats |
|---|--------|-------|
| (i) By the local authority | 12 | Nil |
| (ii) By other local authorities | Nil | Nil |
| (iii) By other bodies or persons | 221 | Nil |
- (2) Total no. of dwellings owned by any local authority, existing in district at end of year... .. 987
- (3) Inspections of dwellings during the year:-
- (i) (a) Total no. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 36
- (b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 49
- (c) No. of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit... 8
- (ii) Total No. of dwellings existing at end of year, occupied or not, which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -
- (a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time)... .. 17
- (b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made 40

(4) Houses Demolished:-

In or Adjoining Clearance Areas:	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	nil	nil	nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. ...	nil	nil	nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under S.43(2), Housing Act, 1957	nil	nil	nil
Not in or Adjoining Clearance Areas:			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17(1), Housing Act, 1957	4	4	1
(5) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	nil	nil	nil
(6) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	nil	nil	nil

(5) Unfit Houses Closed:-

(1) Under S.16(4), S.17(1) and S.35(1), Housing Act, 1957, and S.26, Housing Act, 1961	3	nil	nil
(2) Under S.17(3) and S.26, Housing Act, 1957 ...	nil	nil	nil
(3) Parts of buildings closed under S.18, Housing Act, 1957	nil	nil	nil

(6) Unfit Houses Made Fit:-

- (1) By owner after informal action by local authority 2
- (2) After formal notice under S.9 and S.16, Housing Act, 1957 -
 - (a) by owner Nil
 - (b) by local authority Nil
- (3) After formal notice under Public Health Acts Nil
- (4) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S.24, Housing Act, 1961 Nil
- (5) After determination of a demolition order under S.24, Housing Act, 1957 ... Nil

(7) Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-

Position at end of year:

- (a) Under Section 48
- (b) Under S.17(2)
- (c) Under S.46

Licensed for temporary occupation under S.34 or S.53.

Number of Houses	No. of separate dwellings contained in column (1)
(1)	(2)
Nil	Nil
Nil	Nil
Nil	Nil
Nil	-

(8) Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

No. of houses	No. of occupants of houses in column (1)
(1)	(2)
Nil	Nil

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders

Improvement Grants

Standard Grants:-

- (1) No. of applications -
 - (a) owner/occupiers: 14 Approved: 12
 - (b) tenanted houses: 2 Approved: 2
- (2) No. of dwellings improved -
 - (a) owner/occupiers: 20
 - (b) tenanted: 4
- (3) Amount paid in grants: £2,815. 12s. 9d.
- (4) Average grant per house: £97. 1s. 9d.
- (5) Amenities provided -
 - (a) Fixed bath 10
 - (b) Shower 1
 - (c) Wash hand basin 11
 - (d) Hot water supply (to any fittings) 12
 - (e) Water closet within dwelling 23
 - (f) Food Store 16

Discretionary Grants:-

- (1) No. of applications approved 9
- (2) No. of applications refused Nil
- (3) Amount paid in grants £2,005 0s. 0d.
- (4) No. of dwellings improved
 - (a) owner/occupier ... 7
 - (b) tenanted Nil
- (5) Average grant per house £286. 8s. 7d.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Public Health Inspector.

